

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 6, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON;  
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DON PERSSON; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE  
ABSENT COUNCILMAN KING PARKER. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;  
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City  
Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator;  
JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP,  
Facilities Director; PAUL BAKER, Land Use Compliance Inspector; BONNIE  
RERECICH, Recreation Supervisor; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Special Events &  
Volunteer Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY  
ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH,  
Police Department.

**PRESS**

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2000 AS PRESENTED.  
CARRIED.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Community Event: Renton  
River Days Award

City of Renton Park Boardmember and Renton River Days Festival Chairman  
Tim Searing announced that Renton River Days was named "1999 Best Special  
Event" for the budget category of \$25,000 to \$125,000 at last week's 5th Annual  
King County Event Producers Awards (KEPA) event. He then introduced fellow  
River Days boardmembers Sonja Mejlaender, Dan Kellogg, Don Persson, Toni  
Nelson, Jim Shepherd, Bonnie Rerecich and Mark Kotlan, emphasizing that  
River Days' success owes a great deal to the thousand of work hours by  
volunteers and to corporate sponsors IKEA, Renton Rotary, McLendon's  
Hardware, Waste Management and U.S. Bank.

Police: Employee Recognitions

Chief of Police Garry Anderson presented awards to the following Police  
Department employees for outstanding service in 1999:

Commander Dennis Gerber, Employee of the Second Quarter;  
Officer Jeff Hardin, Employee of the Third Quarter; and  
Officer Jeff Reynolds, Employee of the Fourth Quarter.

Chief Anderson then announced that Police Services Specialist Terri Vickers was  
chosen as the Employee of the First Quarter and the Employee of the Year,  
noting that Ms. Vickers is the department's only non-commissioned employee  
who has been selected to be a hostage negotiator.

Chief Anderson then announced the Renton Police Department's second  
Meritorious Service Medal award, to retired Deputy Chief Don Persson. Saying  
that Councilman Persson justly earned this award for his 33 years of service to  
the department, Chief Anderson said during his tenure, Mr. Persson made many

lasting and significant contributions to the department while unfailingly demonstrating his strong commitment to the Renton community.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ Mayor Tanner has been invited by Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, to provide testimony on the Olympic Pipeline at a committee hearing scheduled on March 13th in Bellingham. Senator Slade Gordon will preside at the hearing.
- ✧ The Parks and Recreation Division's Sixth Grade Select basketball team took first place in their division this year, winning fifteen league games and three playoff games.
- ✧ Twenty-two Renton School District fifth graders participated in last week's Second Annual Renton Police D.A.R.E. Basketball Hoop Shoot.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission

Mayor Tanner appointed Nancy Clendaniel, 11545 SE 175<sup>th</sup> St., Renton, 98055, to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill the vacancy created by Ned Mueller's resignation; term to expire 12/31/00. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Vacation: Lake View Blvd (104th Ave SE), Legacy Partners/Martindale et al., VAC-98-0004

City Clerk recommended approval of an ordinance vacating a portion of Lake View Blvd. (104<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE); the required compensation of \$61,000 was received on 2/10/00 (VAC-98-004). Council concur. (See page 77 for ordinance.)

Parks: Golf Cart Lease Purchase Program

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract continuing the lease purchase program for golf car acquisitions; the new three-year contract will include 40 new cars and trade-in value on 30 cars from the current fleet. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Lease: iCopyright, Inc., 1st Flr of 200 Mill Building

Community Services Department recommended amending the lease agreement with iCopyright, Inc. to expand into the first floor of the 200 Mill Ave. building in addition to occupying floors four through six. Refer to Finance Committee.

Lease: Iron Mountain (Arcus Data Security), Renton City Hall 4th Floor

Community Services Department recommended approval of a lease with Iron Mountain, Inc. (Arcus Data Security) for the fourth floor of Renton City Hall for five years; the agreement includes authorized tenant improvements in the amount of \$333,200. Refer to Finance Committee.

Streets: Trench Restoration Standards

Development Services Division recommended approval of policy changes for trench restoration standards, including a five-year moratorium on pavement cuts for new streets and overlays. Refer to Transportation Committee.

EDNSP: Automall Map Adjustments and City Code Updates

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a map adjustment to Areas "A" and "B" of the Automall Overlay District to reduce Area "A" by a block and one-half and to increase Area "B" by the same dimension to allow a greater array of uses, and a text amendment to Section 9-12-11 of City Code to reflect 1998 updates and current changes. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Airport: FAA Grant for Seaplane Base Rehabilitation

Transportation Systems Division recommended application for and acceptance of an FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant in the estimated amount of \$605,000 for the Municipal Airport's Seaplane Base Rehabilitation project.

Council concur.

Transportation: 2000 Commute Trip Reduction Program, King County Services

Transportation Division recommended approval of a contract with King County to provide Commute Trip Reduction services to 27 affected employers in the City of Renton in 2000. Refer to Transportation Committee.

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW (27th to 31st), King County Funding

Transportation Division recommended approval of a contract with King County to accept \$200,000 in funding for construction of Oakesdale Ave. SW between SW 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets. Council concur. (See page 77 for resolution.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizen Comment: Horton – I-695 Lawsuit (Various Jurisdictions)

Correspondence was read from Bremerton Mayor Lynn S. Horton, requesting that Renton contribute financially to the effort by some Washington cities to challenge I-695, the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Reduction initiative which was approved by voters last November.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Finance Committee**

CAG: 98-089, Renton Boathouse Remodel

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that Council concur in the recommendation to approve change order #27 and the final pay application submitted by Quinn Construction for the Renton Boathouse Remodel project. Change order #27 will put the project \$40,959.89 over budget. The Community Services Department anticipates that the project overrun will be offset with project savings or deferrals of current year projects within the 316 fund.

The Committee further recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$84,265.52, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$22,776.74 to Quinn Construction, Inc., contractor, after any liens filed against the retainage have been resolved or all required releases have been received.

Final payment shall be accompanied by an agreement signed by the contractor releasing the City from all further claims related to this contract. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending approval of Payroll Vouchers 24306 – 24533 and 524 direct deposits totaling \$981,670.97. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: Engineering Specialist Hire at Step E (Utility Systems)

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in staff's recommendation that the new Engineering Specialist I position in Utility Systems Division be offered to the selected candidate at the Step E level, retroactive to March 1, 2000. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: Office Assistant Hire at Step D (Utility Systems)

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the new half-time regular Office Assistant II position in the Utility Systems Division be offered to the selected candidate at the Step D level, retroactive to February 16, 2000. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY , COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Board/Commission: Planning  
Commission Appointments  
(Process)

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler read a memo into the record regarding the appointments process for the Planning Commission. Noting that the Mayor has the authority to make appointments, which the City Council can then confirm or deny, she said although there is no required process for interviewing or considering qualifications of applicants, five of the six most recent appointees participated in an interview process with staff and current Planning Commission members. Additionally, press releases were issued on several occasions asking for interested persons to apply.

In the interest of encouraging citizen participation and involvement, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler made several suggestions for how the City could be more proactive in letting people know how they could get involved. For example, the City's web site could include downloadable application forms and notices of any board or commission vacancies. She believed that with ongoing, active recruitment, the City would have a much better chance of attracting qualified candidates for future openings.

Ms. Keolker-Wheeler concluded that although there is no legal requirement to do so, she hoped that the mayor would follow past practice and encourage input from staff and current board and commission members when vacancies occur.

Replying that he did not object to advertising for applications to boards and commissions, Mayor Tanner emphasized that it is his prerogative to make these appointments. As such, it is not a collaborative process and he would not seek assistance from councilmembers. He did, however, welcome input from chairs of the boards and commissions.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3443**

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW,  
King County Funding

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County for the County's contribution for the design and construction of Oakesdale Avenue SW. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/13/00 for second and final reading:

Boards/Commissions: Human  
Services Advisory Committee  
Addition to City Code

An ordinance was read amending Title II (Commissions and Boards) of City Code by adding Chapter 12, creating the Human Services Advisory Committee, establishing the requirements and terms of its members, and providing for rules and procedures for its operation. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/13/00. CARRIED.**

Vacation: Lake View Blvd  
(104th Ave SE), Legacy  
Partners/Martindale et al.,  
VAC-98-004

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of Lake View Boulevard (104th Avenue SE) for Legacy Partners/Mardinala, et al. (VAC-98-004). **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/13/00. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

### **Ordinance #4832**

Development Services:  
A-Frame Signs

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-4-070 and 4-4-100.B, C, J, K and L of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, Section 4-11-160 and 4-11-190 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code

by permitting A-frame signs in the City of Renton. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted that this matter will be reviewed in one year, at which time Council will evaluate the effects of A-frame signs and determine if any changes are warranted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Public Works: Olympic  
Pipeline Hydrostatic Testing,  
Jennifer Dunn's Request to  
Office of Pipeline Safety

Councilman Clawson suggested that the mayor and council president send a letter to Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn to thank her for her request that the Office of Pipeline Safety require hydrostatic testing of Olympic Pipeline Company's facilities in Renton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.  
CARRIED. Time: 8:10 p.m.

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MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold  
March 6, 2000